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Children born to local parents at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week include the following:
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Fund Set Aside For New County Court Building

A "down" payment on Los Angeles County's proposed new courthouse was ordered frozen into the 1947-48 Los Angeles County budget at the Tuesday meeting of the Board of Supervisors, according to announcement by Chairman Raymond V. Darby.
The sum of \$1,926,000 will be reserved in the county budget toward a courthouse building fund which will accrue over a period of three years.
Located in the block bounded by north Broadway, Temple st., north Hill st. and California st., the structure will be comparable in size and height to the Hall of Justice. It will be devoted exclusively to the housing needs of the Municipal and Superior courts.

Repairs To Fire Station Costs To Date \$1,965

The Torrance fire station repairs continued this week with a total cost to date recorded at \$1,965.83. A breakdown in this figure shows material costs at \$838.40 and labor costs at \$1,127.43.
Work already completed includes the concrete bond-beam around the top of the roof and steel stud bracing on the first floor.
Work yet to be completed includes bracing of the walls front and rear by other concrete and steel bond-beams which are intended to tie in all walls in the structure, creating a well braced and tied-together building, according to Sam Levy, supervising the work for the city.

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued in Torrance during the past week according to Building Department records:
William Verberg, 2693 W. 174th st., 550 gal. fuel tank, \$100.
Carter Mack, 1508 Cabrillo ave., demonstration garage building, \$600.
Ideal Ranch Market, 2067 Torrance blvd., install overhead doors, \$1,000.
D. H. Fleming, 17709 Crenshaw blvd., residence, \$4,500.
Charles E. Woodcock, 2431 Cabrillo ave., addition to residence, \$1,500.
Stanley I. Gallivas, 2466 W. 182nd st., residence, \$3,800.
Paul G. Gibson, 17240 Yukon ave., addition to residence, \$500.
John F. Moore, 720 Acacia ave., patio, \$1,250.
Lorenman P. Harris Sr., 804 Beech ave., garage house, \$3,500.
Kyne and Gilchrist, three houses and garages at 2104 2112, and 2120 Santa Fe ave., \$5,890 each.

Hospital Cases

Patients admitted to Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week include the following:
Mrs. Rosetta Hammack, 1211 El Prado st.
Mrs. Frances L. Dowdy, 1324 Elm st.
Mrs. Lois Lougee, 2860 W. Sepulveda st.
Mrs. Margaret Neish, 1412 Crenshaw blvd.

OBITUARY

CLARA ELNA JOHNSON
Services for Mrs. Clara Elna Johnson, 1544 W. 215th st., who died at Seaside hospital in Long Beach last week, were conducted Friday May 23 in Stone and Myers chapel, Rev. F. D. Meehling officiating. Mrs. Johnson was born Nov. 14, 1887 in Webster, South Dakota, and was a resident of California for the past 22 years. She is survived by her husband Hjalmar Johnson, a daughter Mrs. Eileen Joyce, four sons: Thorval of Redondo Beach, Harry of Caruthers, California and Walter and Chester, of Torrance. Interment was in Pacific Crest cemetery.

RUFUS ABRAM PHILLIPS
Services for Rufus Abram Phillips, 70, of Long Beach, who died Saturday at Harbor General hospital, were conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m. from Stone & Myers chapel, Rev. C. E. Ruckman of Torrance Methodist church officiating. Born in Brooklyn, N. Y., Mr. Phillips had been a resident of California for the past 22 years. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ella Quigley of Long Beach, and a niece, Mrs. Pearl Gardner of Redondo Beach. Interment was in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

SUSAN A. BROWNING
Funeral services for Mrs. Susan A. Browning, 80, who died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Minnie L. Roberts at 1789 Andreo ave., Tuesday, will be conducted at Stone and Myers chapel today at 3:30 p. m. with Rev. Harry Denherder and Rev. Myrl Bunch officiating. Mrs. Browning was born in Jefferson County, Montana, and had been visiting with her daughter for the past nine months. Besides her daughter, she is survived by two step-daughters, Mrs. Rosa Parker of Long Beach and Mrs. L. M. Pitman of Torrance; a stepson, Willis Harwood of Three Forks, Montana; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Interment will be in Roosevelt Memorial Park Cemetery.

MARIE E. BRUCE GRANTED PERMIT TO RUN TAXI CABS

Marie E. Bruce was granted permission of the City Council to operate two taxicabs in Torrance, at the meeting Tuesday night.
The application of the woman was approved by the Police Department, it was said.

Torrance Takes Possession Of Airport Following Wrangle

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The right-of-entry granted to the City of Torrance by the War Department, United States Engineering office, Los Angeles, is dated May 23, 1947, and reads as follows:
"Right-of-entry is hereby granted effective 28 May 1947 to the City of Torrance, California, to occupy and use the following airport facilities located on the Lomita Flight Strip, Torrance, California: (Description of 23 buildings of various types and uses) three utility shacks (south of maintenance hangar T-38); paint shack (rear of T-42); all utility distribution systems; gasoline storage and dispensing systems; and operational areas such as taxiways, hardstands, runway apron, necessary access roads, walks, maintained grounds, fencing and parking areas."
"As to facilities described above, the City of Torrance, California, will assume operation and maintenance costs and full responsibility for loss, damage or destruction of any of the facilities listed herein, and included on Condition Survey and Inventory Report, covering the subject facilities which was executed jointly between the Government and the City of Torrance, California."
"The City of Torrance will remove all vegetative growth that constitutes a fire hazard, particularly around the structures referred to in this right-of-entry and agrees to maintain adequate fire protection for the airport facilities granted herein."
"The occupancy and use of the above-described airport facilities shall be without cost to the Government and subject to the general supervision and control of the representative of the Government having jurisdiction over the Lomita Flight Strip."
"The right-of-entry hereby granted is intended to cover the period between the effective date hereof and such time as an interim license can be executed."
"It is requested that an authorized representative of the City of Torrance, California, promptly acknowledge receipt hereof, confirm acceptance of the terms and conditions of this right-of-entry and return 4 copies to this office prior to 28 May 1947. The fifth copy may be retained for your files."
"Inclosed are 6 copies of Condition Survey and Inventory Report covering the above-described facilities, which should be executed by an authorized representative of the City of Torrance, California, and the original and 4 copies returned to this office prior to 28 May 1947. Both the Condition Survey and Inventory Report and this right-of-entry should be executed and accepted prior to 28 May 1947, the effective date of right-of-entry."
"FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER
"Very truly yours,
"Harold E. Spickard
"Chief Real Estate Division"

When the Council indicated its intention of not signing the right-of-entry Tuesday, it was dated to be effective Wednesday, May 28, and stated twice in the document that it must be executed "prior to" May 28. Instead, it was said, the Council wanted to talk to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, chairman of the Board, about the possibilities of the County taking over and operating the airport. Darby previously had said the County is willing to do this.
Parkin and other members of the commission attempted to show the Council that there have been so many "jokers" in the entire deal that the City cannot afford to place itself in jeopardy again by failing to execute the right-of-entry as instructed.
One string was tied on the acceptance, however, and that is to check the inventory. It appears that much property previously inventoried has been destroyed or taken away from the airport.
However, it was pointed out, the airport can be an immediate financial success for the City, and while the City may be found to be accountable for inventoried items, it will be worth the chance of not actually having some items which the inventory indicated were on the field. The check was being made starting yesterday by City Engineer G. M. Jain and Chief of Police John H. Stroh.

The question of the date on the right-of-entry was brought up in open meeting, and City Attorney Otto E. Willet admitted that it could be cancelled as of midnight Tuesday. Councilman C. M. Gilbert then moved that subject to a check of the inventory, the mayor be authorized to execute the agreement. The motion carried and Mayor J. Hugh Sherkey Jr. signed the document later in the evening.
Told of the fact that the Council had so acted, Parkin said that he intends to make his resignation final.
He was obviously disturbed, as were other members of the Aviation Commission, that the City would consider handing the airport over to the County government when it has the \$2,000,000 airport in the "palm of its hand." The Council was to talk with Darby yesterday.
Parkin had made several trips to Washington, D. C., and Chicago, on the airport matter attempting to iron out the details of the occupancy by Torrance of the airport.
Step by step, each obstacle was overcome, and when the 89.9 acres embodied in the flight strip proper were handed to the City on a perpetual revocable permit, the first hurdle was reached.
Parkin, King and members of the Aviation Commission, redoubled their efforts to gain the balance of the airport only to find that C. H. Holmes and a group of Lomita business men had secured a permit to occupy the airport for five years on a commercial basis in the name of the "Administrative Squadron" of the Civil Air Patrol third group. The business men put up some \$7500, it is said, and began operating the port, collecting the down fees, rentals, selling gasoline and engaging in other business.
When two investigations revealed the nature of the operation and the failure of the C. A. P. to carry out its legitimate pilot training program (the tanks dropped from nearly 500 to a mere handful of youths in a year), the C. A. P. was ordered by the War Department to evacuate the field and the lease to Holmes and his group was cancelled. The investigation was requested by Representative King after he had been informed of the status of the case by Parkin. The evacuation actually took place on May 14.

First Incubator In Use, Second Due For Hospital

Miss Elsa Hammerstrom, superintendent of Torrance Memorial hospital, reported this week that the incubator purchased recently for the hospital now is in full use. This is the first of several to be purchased, for several are needed.
Pointing out that in one day, four premature infants were born in the hospital, with accommodations for one only, she described the need as great.
The funds for the first incubator were raised through the concerted efforts of the Torrance staff doctors and the First District Welfare Council.
The Torrance Lions club already has pledged to buy outright the second incubator, it was announced, and one or two more are needed to properly equip the hospital maternity ward, it was said.
The civic minded organizations and individuals contributing to the first incubator fund are the Torrance staff doctors, Torrance Lions club, Torrance Moose lodge, Torrance Rotary club, Torrance Kiwanis club, Torrance Woman's club, Torrance Business and Professional Women's club, Gardena Lions club, Gardena Civic league, the Embassy club, Monterey club, Normandie club and Gardena club, all of Gardena, and the Wednesday Progressive club. Several other organizations have expressed their willingness to make donations toward the fund which still is operative, it was revealed.
It was announced that there will be no added charge to the parents of any premature baby using the incubator.

National Guard Takes Possession Of Airport Units

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property. This will include moving in of some three or four buildings from Fort MacArthur to a site which will be selected in the near future.
Major E. Y. Tarkington, who was named manager of Torrance Municipal airport by the Council following acceptance of right-of-entry from the War Department, granted the National Guard battalion stationed in Torrance full access to the entire administration building.
Quarters for the city airport manager's office will be set up later this week; Major Tarkington told Major Lowell.
The 578th Combat Engineers embraces the entire area of the South Bay from Torrance, Lomita, Gardena to the cities from Manhattan Beach to Redondo Beach.

Marriage Licenses

Maurice D. Schwartz, 912 1/2 Martel st., Los Angeles; and Lois M. Ryven, 1635 Amapola, Torrance.
Walter E. Schlick, 1520 Marcellina ave., Torrance; and Margot B. Grow, 1500 El Prado, Torrance.
Donald Edward Miner, 4318 Charlemagne, Long Beach; and Marjorie Lee King, 1920 Torrance blvd., Torrance.
Harold D. Hyles, 1106 El Prado, Torrance; and Pearl E. Norris, 1219 20th pl., Hermosa Beach.

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